(d) and (e) No, Sir

(f) In order to check diversion of kerosene for adulteration of MS/HSD, steps such as density checks, furfural doping of kerosene, blue-dyeing of kerosene, regular/surprise inspections of retail outlets/SKO dealerships by field officers of the oil companies, Joint Industry Teams, Mobile Laboratories and officers of the State Government enforcement agencies, are taken.

Action is taken against the erring dealers under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines. Action is also taken by the State Government Enforcement Agencies under the Essential Commodities Act and the MS/HSD Control Order.

Village Without Roads

2760. SHRI KASHI RAM RANA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the villages having more than 1000 population are still not connected with the nearest all weather roads in the country;

(b) the percentage of the villages having more than one thousand population connected with the nearest all weather roads by the end of February, 1997;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any time-bound scheme to connect certain villages with the nearest all weather roads; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) Under the Minimum Needs Programme, 85.7% of villages with population of 1000 and above are estimated to have been connected upto March, 1996.

(c) and (d) The Eighth Plan (1992-97) envisaged linking of all villages with population of 1000 and above by all weather roads by the end of the Plan.

[English]

Seniority List In Group 'A' Services

2761. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether recruitment to many Group-A organised services is being through Civil Services Examination conducted by UPSC and their seniority is maintained throughout their service;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the guidelines proposed to be set up to maintain the seniority among Group-A organised services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c) At present recruitment to specified Group 'A' Organised Services is being done through Civil Services Examination conducted by UPSC. Depending upon their position in the merit list and the option exercised by them, selected candidates are allocated to various Group 'A' Organised Services. However, seniority of the candidates selected is not always maintained through out their service as per the merit position at the time of initial recruitment. This is because the service rules of various organised services contain a provision relating to maintenance of the seniority of officers belonging to that service. Normally, such provision is to determine their seniority in accordance with the general instructions on the subject issued by the Department of Personnel and Training (DOPT). According to the general instructions issued by DOPT, seniority of a direct recruit to a post is determined by the order or merit indicated at the time of his initial appointment and his seniority is re-fixed on promotion in the order in which he is recommended for such promotion by Departmental Promotion Committee. Seniority of an officer allocated to a particular Group 'A' service is determined in a particular post with reference to other officers holding the same post in the same service and it is neither necessary nor possible to maintain his seniority with reference to officers in various other services as per their merit position in the Civil Services Examination at the time of their initial recruitment as promotional avenues are available within each organised service and officers of each organised service are governed by the service rules applicable to the organised service to which they belong.

Illegal Occupants of Government Accommodation

2762. SHRI NITISH BHARADWAJ : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of bungalows and quarters belonging to the Directorate of Estates are under illegal occupation at Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Tagore Road, Ahilyabai Road, Thompson Road, Minto Road, Mirdard Road, Mata Sundari Road, Mata Sundari Lane, Kotla Road and some more ajoining roads in the Minto Road area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these bungalows and quarters are in such illegal occupation for the last ten years;

(d) if so, whether workshops, shops, garages and the like have been started at these premises;

(e) if so, the time by which these premises will be got vacated;